**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

In the opening scene, Marullus curses the Commoners: ‘You blocks, you stones, you

worse than senseless things.’ Why is he angry? What does he accuse them of?

Why do you think Brutus is convinced by Cassius to join the conspirators? What is Brutus concerned about? Are Cassius’ motives the same or different from Brutus’? What are they?

How does Decius Brutus persuade Caesar to come to the Senate on the Ides of March?

What emotions does he appeal to? Has he found a weakness in Caesar?

Caesar says that, ‘cowards die many times before their deaths’.

What does he mean? Is he being brave or foolish? Why?

Why do you think Caesar refuses the crown? Why do the people want him to have it?

Who would you want to be king or queen of your country if you could choose, or would

you prefer a republic? Why?

Why does Mark Anthony praise Brutus so highly at the end of the play, calling him: ‘the

noblest Roman of them all’?

At the end of the play, what has happened to the Roman Republic? Did the conspirators achieve anything?